(b) As per the report of the State Government of Jammu and Kashmir more than 8.75 lakh tourists visited the State during the last two years.

(c) The State Government and Security Forces, in an endeavour to make the security environment progressively safer for tourists, have taken the following steps:

(i) A separate tourist police and enforcement wing at Srignagar/Jammu and other tourist places exists, which looks after and protects the interests of the tourists in the State. The tourist police are empowered to take cognizance in case of cheating and harassment.

(ii) Adequate deployment of Security Forces/State Police is being ensured around the tourist spots roads leading to such places.

(iii) Regular patrolling and anti-sabotage checks are being undertaken in and around tourist places and road leading there.

Loss due to flood in Assam

159. KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated loss of standing crops, fisheries etc. and people of Assam affected due to last devastating flood;

(b) whether any relief has been provided to the flood-affected people; if so, the details thereof, district-wise;

(c) the number of houses damaged and total number of houses sanctioned for construction, district-wise;

(d) the number of flood-damaged bridges, roads and schools/college buildings sanctioned for re-construction so far;

(e) the details of steps taken for reconstruction and protection of embankments/dams damaged during the last devastating flood, district-wise;

(f) whether construction of those dams/embankments will be completed before coming rainy season; and

(g) the status of Narayanaguri Bandh on the River Beki in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) to (g) As per information received from the Government of Assam based on their preliminary assessment, 134 human lives were lost, crops in 485583 ha. were damaged, fish farms over an area of 4794 ha. belonging to 28952 families were damaged, 1679 houses were fully damaged, 324264 houses were partially damaged, 5915 lower Primary schools were fully damaged and 1461 upper primary schools have also been reportedly damaged due to heavy rains/floods during 2007 in the State. It was also reported that 176 semi permanent timber (SPT) bridges, 779 SPT approaches, 41 RCC bridge approaches, 329 culverts, 168 culvert approaches and 01 cross drainage work were damaged during these floods.

As per the existing scheme for financing relief expenditure, the State Governments are primarily responsible for undertaking relief and rehabilitation measures in the areas affected by natural calamities. The distribution on reflief on the ground is the responsibility

of concerned State Government. The Government of Assam reported that necessary sanctions were issued by it towards rehabilitation of the affected families and repair and restoration of the damaged infrastructure, particularly for immediate breach closing works on priority in respect of 194 breaches to dykes/embankments. Number of Schemes sanctioned district-wise reported as under:—

District	No. of schemes
Dhemaji	7
Lakhimpur	5
Morigaon	7
Nalbari	4
Barpeta	4
Sonitpur	7
Nagaon	3
Kamprup	2
Shivsagar	7
Cachar	10
Hailakandi	15
Karimganj	10
Darrang	7
Jorhat	9
Baska	12
Chirang	15
Kokrajhar	7

The State Water Resources Department has been impressed upon to make all out efforts for completion of these sanctioned works before the onset of next monsoon.

Government of India supplemensts the efforts of the State Government by providing financial and logistic, where necessary. To ensure ready availability of funds with the States, a Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) is constituted for each State. The State of Assam has been allocated an amount of Rs. 204.48 crore in its Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) for the year 2007-08 consisting of Rs. 153.36 crore as Central contribution and Rs. 51.12 crore as State constribution. Both the installments of Central share of CRF amounting of Rs. 153.36 crore have been relased to the State Government.

Regarding the status of Narayanguri Bandh on the river Beki,Government of Assam has reported that Rs. 8.31 lakh was sanctioned for immediate measures for closing of the breach at 17th KM on left bank embankment of the river from Mathanguri to NT Road at Narayanguri.